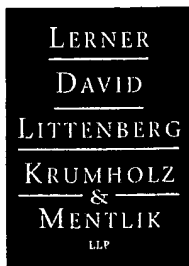


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Dear Sir:

We are enclosing herewith a copy of the Notice of Acceptance of Application Under 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 CFR 1.495 for the above-identified patent application.

Please note that the "*Date of Completion of All 35 U.S.C. 371 Requirements*" should read --03/09/2006--, not "03/12/2006."

Kindly issue a corrected Notice of Acceptance of Application for the above-identified application as soon as possible.

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